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SUBJECT: VISITS TO ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 2661

1. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTTEL, YOU MAY INFORM MACOVESCU THAT I APPRECIATE HIS SUGGESTION THAT I VISIT ROMANIA SOON AND THAT I AM TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY SIMON ON HIS VISIT IN LATE JUNE, ASSUMING HE DEFINITELY DECIDES TO GO AT THAT TIME. PLEASE TELL MACOVESCU THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIM AT THAT TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE A SEPARATE VISIT TO ROMANIA ANY TIME SOON, AS MACOVESCU SUGGESTED.

2. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY SENATORIAL GROUP, MACOVESCU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE NO REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL RECESSES AS SUCH SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER. THE
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TWO RECESSES SCHEDULED (JULY 3-18 AND AUGUST 12-22) ARE FOR

EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTIONS AND RELATED CAMPAIGNING. MOST SENATORS NOT UP FOR REELECTION WILL BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING ONE OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE. THEREFORE, IN LIGHT OF THESE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MAY PROVE VERY DIFFICULT TO ASSEMBLE A GROUP OF

SENATORS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO ROMANIA AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, WE HAVE THIS SUGGESTION IN MIND AND WILL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. ROBINSON

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